

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the communication filed on 05/19/2010.

In response to telephone interviews between examiner and applicant's representative Edward Wise on at least 05/24/2010 and 05/13/2010, the amendments on 05/19/2010 has been entered.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13, 44-56 are pending.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13, 44-56 are allowed. The prior art of record does not teach the claimed invention, as follows.

For independent claim 1, the prior art does not teach a teleconference system for supporting realization of cooperative work among a plurality of conference site systems, wherein one site system provides a first logged in conference participant with a display of a set of workspaces relevant to the first logged in conference participant, and provides a subsequent logged in conference participant a display of a set of common workspaces that are common to both the first logged in conference participant and the subsequent logged in conference participants and excluding other workspaces that the subsequent logged in user is permitted to participate, and a display of reference information managed in a workspace selected by the first logged in conference participant and the subsequent logged in conference participant on the condition that the first logged in conference participant and the subsequent logged in conference

participant log into the one site system; wherein the subsequent logged in conference participant is permitted to select any workspace in the set of common workspaces.

Independent claims 44 and 55 are allowed for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is included in form PTO 892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu T. Hoang whose telephone number is 571-270-1253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thu Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-6967. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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